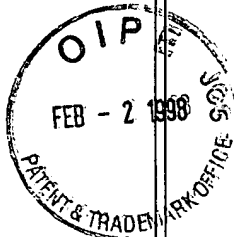


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PETITION TO EXTEND TIME UNDER  
37 CFR §1.136(a)

For: METHODS FOR IMPROVING  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed October 28, 1997 for one month, from December 28, 1997 to January 28, 1998. An appropriate response transmitting an executed Declaration, surcharge and claims fees is enclosed herewith.


The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$110.00, pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17, to Deposit Account No. 20-1430. The Commissioner is further authorized to

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charge any additional fees or credit overpayment in this application to the above Deposit Account. This Petition is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,



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